

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d) The Orissa Textile Mills (OTM) has not been closed down. However, the production activities of the Mills have stopped from 22.3.2000 on account of acute shortage of working capital and severe damage due to super cyclone.

The State Government of Orissa had invested Rs. 28.66 crores. Further, they are likely to sanction Rs. 7 crores for the Ways and Means Advance account to facilitate early re-starting the production in the mill.

Readymade Garments Sector

†2005. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

DR. D. MASTHAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government have constituted a Minister level Committee to identify the possibilities to keep the readymade garments sector out of the reserved list;

(b) if so, the Ministers included in the said Committee and whether it is also a fact that his ministry has agreed to keep the readymade garments sector out of the reserved list; and

(c) if so, by when Government are likely to get the Committee's report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) The Government have constituted a Group of Ministers to formulate an integrated and balanced package of policy measures necessary to strengthen the SSI sector, particularly in the context of the dismantling of QRs and the consequent increase of international competition and to consider and evolve a road map for selective de-reservation in respect of certain products including readymade garments, presently reserved for the SSI sector, as may be considered necessary for enabling a phased and orderly transition

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

and increasing national competitiveness. The composition of the Group of Minister is as under:

Shri L.K. Advani — Minister of Home Affairs

Shri Murasoli Maran — Minister of Commerce & Industry

Shri Kashiram Rana — Minister of Textiles

Shri Yashwant Sinha — Minister of Finance

Shri K.C. Pant — Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission

Smt. Vasundhara Raje — Minister of State (Independent Charge) in the Ministry of Small Scale Industries and Agro and Rural Industries, Minister of State in the Ministry of Personal, Public Grievances and Pensions, and Minister of State in the Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space.

The issues are still under consideration of the Group of Ministers.

Action to Boost Textiles Exports

2006. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to State:

(a) the amount of textile exports during each of the last five years in terms of dollar.

(b) the amount of textile imports during the said years; and

(c) what action is being taken by Government to boost textile exports by the Indian Industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE. N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The textile exports and imports during the last five years are given below:—

(in US Million dollar)		
Year	Exports*	Imports**
1995-1996	10685.1	952.2
1996-1997	11839.1	765.0
1997-1998	12342.1	824.2
1998-1999	12558.8	839.8
1999-2000	13324.8(P)	1051.8(P)

(P) Provisional

*As per Data reported by Textile Export Promotion Councils.

**As per DGCI&S data